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CIA chief Turner objects to University recruiting restraints

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Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director Admiral Stansfield Turner voiced objections to proposed University guidelines governing CIA recruitment of employees on campus in a letter to University President Robben Fleming this summer.

The guidelines were a draft of proposed regulations formulated by the University Civil Liberties Board last year.

TURNER'S primary concern centered around a clause in the guidelines requiring "intelligence agencies such as the CIA" to obtain "the express prior consent of an individual" before "his or her name may be submitted by another member of the University community to an intelligence agency as a potential employee, consultant, or agent."

In a letter dated July 17, Turner requested that the recruitment efforts of the CIA be treated like those of private employers and added: "Nevertheless, I want you to know that this agency has no objection to the rule on personnel inquiries that is proposed, provided it is applied equally to all such inquiries. It does seem to me both inequitable and a potential disservice to the country to apply to inquiries from this agency rules of procedure that do not apply to other applicants for personnel information or

recommendations."

The proposed guidelines went before the faculty Senate Assembly for discussion last June. Assembly objections sent the document back to the board for revisions, which will be made beginning this month.

THE GUIDELINES are a response to disclosures that the CIA has covertly recruited employees and conducted

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experiments at the University and at other institutions.

Turner further endeavored to reassure Fleming about CIA recruitment of foreign students. Turner guaranteed that no "intimidating or

coercive" practices were used with foreign students and noted that "beyond steps designed to identify individuals of possible interest to us, it is not our practice to pursue personnel inquiries without informing the objects of those inquiries of our interest."

But Turner also mentioned that he failed "to see why they (foreign students) should not be granted the same freedom of choice with regard to their own futures that American students enjoy."

PRESIDENT Fleming, who did not respond to the Turner letter, has adopted a noncommittal attitude toward the guidelines.

"I believe there should be some guidelines," Fleming said yesterday. But he refused to suggest any specifics until "they (the Senate Assembly) get something they agree upon."

The translation of Civil Liberties Board proposals into University policy is expected to be a long process. Board recommendations must be reviewed by the Senate Advisory Committee for University Affairs (SACUA), the Senate Assembly and the University Executive Officers (president and vice-presidents) before the Regents consider adopting them as policy.

The Civil Liberties Board is comprised of faculty, students and administrators.